

DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA

WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

07/25/2007
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PLACEMENTS DOWN 9 %

For the week ending July 21, 2007, growers placed 11.4 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 8.5% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.3 million) decreased 0.2% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.1 million, an increase of 1.7% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.6 million for the week ending July 14, 2007 compared to 11.0 million slaughtered during the same week in 2006.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
ENDING	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
05/26/2007	14,045	14,121	11,322	11,694	11,325	11,795
06/02/2007	13,944	14,289	11,300	11,846	11,301	11,938
06/09/2007	13,911	14,342	11,469	11,820	11,471	11,912
06/16/2007	13,947	14,327	11,605	11,810	11,605	11,900
06/23/2007	14,112	14,334	11,558	11,889	11,561	12,305
06/30/2007	13,722	13,559	11,585	11,931	11,585	12,023
07/07/2007	13,966	14,059	11,513	11,973	12,506	11,974
07/14/2007	14,090	14,219	11,620	11,950	12,447	11,950
07/21/2007	13,889	14,125	11,348	11,323	12,481	11,418

- 1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.
2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.
* Revised.

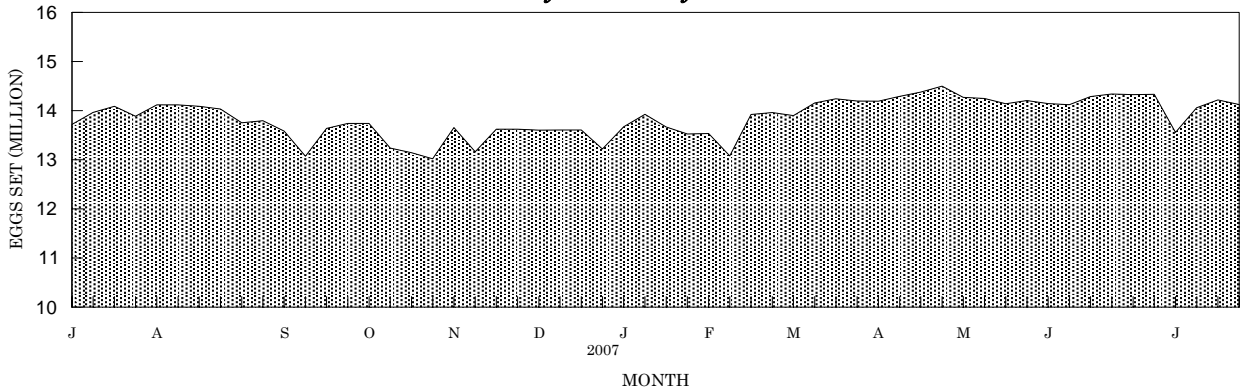
NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	07/28/2007	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	80.67	80.50	82.48	64.70
12-City Composite 2/	80.51	81.24	79.91	67.50

- 1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.
2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET ON DELMARVA

July 2006 - July 2007



Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Jun 16 2007	Jun 23 2007	Jun 30 2007	Jul 7 2007	Jul 14 2007	Jul 21 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,282	30,953	31,228	30,789	*31,229	32,196
AR	28,691	27,925	*27,439	27,843	*28,042	27,772
DE	4,153	4,218	4,217	4,216	*4,188	4,188
FL	1,345	1,364	*1,343	1,374	1,369	1,343
GA	35,971	35,116	*34,758	36,096	*36,290	35,812
KY	7,792	7,894	*7,027	7,849	7,845	7,784
LA	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923	3,923
MD	9,025	8,907	8,354	8,649	8,852	8,778
MS	19,150	19,059	18,499	18,891	18,701	18,741
NC	19,513	19,620	*18,952	18,821	19,937	19,686
OK	6,584	6,746	6,302	6,659	*6,701	6,796
PA	4,086	4,294	3,944	*4,053	*4,153	4,128
SC	5,430	5,565	5,559	5,385	5,722	5,747
TX	15,206	15,294	14,194	15,170	15,364	15,302
VA	6,477	6,419	6,077	6,388	6,374	6,175
CA, MO, TN, & WV	19,386	19,421	*19,053	19,583	*19,387	19,596
19 State Total	218,014	216,718	*210,869	*215,689	*218,077	217,967
Previous Year Total	210,714	210,971	208,219	211,044	213,579	214,110
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	101	102	102	102

* Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 21, 2007. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Jun 16 2007	Jun 23 2007	Jun 30 2007	Jul 7 2007	Jul 14 2007	Jul 21 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,593	20,521	20,699	20,932	20,795	21,461
AR	23,889	24,857	25,529	24,578	*25,377	24,502
DE	5,121	5,264	5,166	5,185	*5,171	5,138
FL	1,375	1,464	1,414	1,540	1,367	1,478
GA	29,478	29,735	30,456	29,527	*29,406	28,662
KY	6,361	6,249	6,327	6,289	6,244	5,555
LA	3,775	3,825	3,771	3,954	3,897	3,927
MD	6,240	6,398	5,737	*6,192	*6,017	5,598
MS	17,380	17,436	17,255	17,307	17,579	16,510
NC	16,087	15,797	16,228	16,057	16,226	15,895
OK	5,307	4,803	5,355	4,837	4,526	5,680
PA	2,983	3,020	3,060	*3,067	*3,188	2,955
SC	5,043	5,494	4,740	4,414	4,464	4,690
TX	12,939	12,994	13,006	12,948	12,929	11,845
VA	5,119	5,236	5,688	4,952	*5,262	4,971
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,633	18,246	16,508	17,519	*17,367	16,512
19 State Total	180,323	181,339	180,939	*179,298	*179,815	175,379
Previous Year Total	175,714	175,252	176,711	173,487	173,852	171,142
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	102	103	103	102

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Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 21, 2007. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through July 21, 2007 were 5.12 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.